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Social Studies

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Course Syllabus 2022-2023

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Remind class code: on your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:
rmd.at/2d8c62

Course Description and Objectives

The objective of the 6th grade social studies course is to learn about Latin America, Australia, Europe, and Canada. The aim of this course is to acquaint students with the world in which they live. The geography domain includes both physical and human geography. The government and civics domain introduces students to types of governments around the world. The economics domain teaches students about economic systems in the United States and from countries around the world. The history domain educates students about major events that have occurred in the 20th and 21st centuries.

Textbook

World Studies for Georgia Students - Clairmont

Units we will cover:

- Unit 1: Europe
- Unit 2: Australia
- Unit 3: Latin America
- Unit 4: Canada
- Unit 5: Your Financial Future

Major Course Projects and Instructional Activities

At least one project will be assigned each grading period. This will be an extension or enrichment of the concepts discussed. Students will have 1 to 3 weeks to complete each project depending on the complexity of the task. Some tasks and/or projects will be completed in class.

Course Assessment Plan

Students will receive a variety of assignments designed to enhance their learning. If a student is absent, the student is responsible for the missed assignment. Students who have an excused absence will be allowed five days to turn in the missed assignment. Students will have homework assignments each week.

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Evaluation (Schoolwide Grading Policy)

Student performance will be recorded and reported in all courses by numerical grades, based on a 100 – point scale.

a. Calculation of Final Grades

Final grades will be determined by the cumulative semester average using the following criteria:

- *Minor Grades = 60%*

Examples include quizzes, labs, and other graded assignments to assess certain standards in a unit of study.

Minimum number of minor grades per 6-week progress report period = 5

- *Major Grades = 40%*

Examples include unit tests, essays, research papers, project-based assignments.

Minimum number of major grades per 6-week progress report period = 2

Teacher Grading Policy

A (100 – 90)

B (89 -80)

C (79-75)

D (74 – 70)

F (69 – 0)

Classroom Expectations

The overarching expectation in this class is RESPECT: respect for yourself, respect for other students, respect for the teacher/or any individual in authority, and respect for any guests that may enter our class.

1. Be on time and ready to learn. Set high expectations and put forth your best effort every day.
2. Respect yourself, the teacher & others.
3. Be prepared for class each day and submit all assignments.
4. Adhere to all policies, rules, and regulations outlined in the student handbook.
5. Pay attention, participate, and ask questions.
6. Follow directions when given to preserve a positive learning environment.
7. Take responsibility for your actions.

Discipline Policy

No cell phones are allowed out and in use at any time for any reason. In cases of emergency in which a student wants to call a designated contact person, the student will be referred to the appropriate administrator's office to place the call. Students are required to follow the Code of Conduct as outlined in the Student Handbook, as well as the Classroom Expectations.

Consequences/Discipline Progression

1. Documented verbal warning
2. Review of Code of Conduct contract & parent contact
3. Detention
4. Counselor referral
5. Office referral

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General 6th Grade Supply List

Three -1 ½ inch 3 ring binders with colored dividers
2 folders with pockets and clasps
Highlighters
8 packs of dividers
5 packs of loose-leaf paper regular ruled
Personal pencil sharpener (with holder for shavings)
3 packs of #2 pencils
1 box of colored pencils
1 box of markers
1 roll of paper towels
1 box of Kleenex tissues
Pencil pouch
3 Composition notebooks
Glue sticks
2 pairs of ear buds -WIRED
Basic calculator
Cap erasers

Class Resources:

Canvas
Textbook
Class worksheets
Approved content videos

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